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GROUP 1616  
PATENT APPLICATION

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q52816

Hiroaki TAKAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/214,155

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: 5866

Examiner: Sabiha N. Qazi

Filed: December 29, 1998

For: VITAMIN D<sub>3</sub> DERIVATIVE AND ITS PRODUCTION METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

This Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003. The Examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response July 27, 2003.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

**Office Action Summary**

**Disposition of Claims**

Claims 3 and 4 are all the claims pending in the application and are rejected.